



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 10/5/2016

**TITLE:** Facilities Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors  
**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Resolution approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors for the joint use of County school gymnasiums, tennis courts, playgrounds, and multi-purpose, baseball, and softball fields.

**ITEM TYPE:** Consent Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Foley, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Crickenberger, Smith, Hughes

**PRESENTER (S):** N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Thomas C. Foley

**BACKGROUND:** The attached proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (Attachment A) outlines procedures that have been in place, but have not been formally outlined by the School Division or the County. Albemarle County Parks and Recreation and the School Division have collaborated in the joint use of facilities for 25 years or more. Parks and Recreation has invested capital and operating funds on school property in exchange for public use of those facilities when not in use by the school. The School Division supports the County's recreation programs and activities by providing indoor and outdoor space for classes and leagues. The County Comprehensive Plan identifies schools as "parks" after school hours. Parks and Recreation currently maintains 31 athletic fields on school property. In the mid 1980's Parks and Recreation took over the scheduling of all elementary and middle school athletic fields after school hours in order to ensure equitable field use for all area organizations. These cooperative agreements were verbal and no formal document is in place. Early last year the School Division formed a committee to conduct an evaluation of its community use policy. This formal MOA is the result of a recommendation from that committee. It was approved by the School Board on August 11, 2016.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Goal 2: Critical Infrastructure:** Prioritize, plan and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs.

**Goal 5: Educational Opportunities:** Provide lifelong learning opportunities for all our citizens.

**Goal 7: Operational Capacity:** Ensure County government's ability to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

**DISCUSSION:** The proposed MOA is between the School Board and the County for the joint use of County school gymnasiums, tennis courts, playgrounds, and multi-purpose, baseball, and softball fields.

The MOA provides that Parks and Recreation is required to ensure the supervision of all Parks and Recreation -sponsored community events and to ensure that users are conforming to acceptable standards of use. Additionally, both the School Division and Parks and Recreation have agreed to cancel field use in the event of inclement weather, required maintenance, or unsafe field conditions.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There are no immediate budget impacts related to this MOA.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment B) approving the MOA and authorizing the County Executive to execute the MOA once it has been approved as to form and substance by the County Attorney.

A - MOA

B - Resolution